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Official Diary
(Acting DD/I)

Monday, 22 December 1952

1. DCI away so no morning meeting. I reported to Frank Wisner the extent of my briefing of Eisenhower on the Philippine political situation and my concern at the cable since received from Spruance indicating that Magsaysay's position is considerably weaker than we had previously been led to believe.

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4. Spent two hours at a meeting of the Board and IAC representatives on 1953 program of estimates. Considerable modification was made therein primarily pushing back deadlines that were entirely unrealistic. I made a strong plea that the Board not get in the middle of the research co-ordination activities, including external research because machinery more than adequate for the problem if properly administered was already available. Most of the Board seemed to agree and I believe the item will come out.

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5. Lunched with Admiral Espe, General Balmer, [redacted] and assorted IADs and then conducted a briefing on the IAD areas. The whole lasted ninety minutes, primary presentations being made by myself, [redacted] Sheldon, and Kent 25X1A9. Thereafter, General Balmer took the Admiral to the DD/P offices on a similar treatment.

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[redacted] attended and seemed very appreciative of the opportunity to learn about our problems. He indicated that he would like very much to have Red White invited to any similar exercise we might conduct in the near future.

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6. Attended office Xmas party.

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7. Talked on the telephone to [REDACTED] on the ceiling proposal because they have the only two shops who will have ceilings reduced under my plan. Both seemed to understand clearly that the "reduction" was completely academic when related to current recruitment rates and effective limitation on the paper of six months.

8. Talked with Dr. Kent about the effectiveness of the O/CI contribution to the Albanian estimate. He reported that the O/CI people had attended the first meeting but no subsequent ones.

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9. Also raised with Dr. Kent the possibility of rotating [REDACTED] to O/NE for a six-months' period. He was slightly less than enthusiastic.

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